COVIDWISE EXPRESS

What are the facts?

Virginia is making it easier for iPhone users to notify others that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

The Virginia Department of Health recently launched **COVIDWISE Express**, a new app-less technology for iPhone users in Virginia that gives users the ability to activate exposure notifications without downloading an app.

What is COVIDWISE Express?

COVIDWISE Express is an app-less Exposure Notifications solution that can be enabled within the iOS operating system on most iPhones and is available in both English and Spanish. It works in conjunction with **COVIDWISE** and other Exposure Notifications apps to exchange anonymous tokens while providing the same privacy and security of the app version.

How do I enable COVIDWISE Express?

To enable **COVIDWISE Express**, you don't need to download an app but must have one of the following iOS versions:

- **iPhone 6s or newer: iOS 13.7 or later**
- **iPhone 5s, 6, or 6 Plus: iOS 12.5**

Under Settings on your iPhone, go to Exposure Notifications, then Turn on Exposure Notifications. Choose United States and select your region as Virginia. Then complete the onboarding process as directed.

Need more info?

For a step-by-step guide to set up COVIDWISE Express and more useful information about Exposure Notifications and COVID-19, visit COVIDWISE.ORG.

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What if I've already downloaded the COVIDWISE app?

If you have **COVIDWISE** installed, you do not need to enable **COVIDWISE Express**.

Why are COVIDWISE and COVIDWISE Express important?

COVIDWISE and **COVIDWISE Express** will notify you if you've likely been exposed to another app user who shared a positive COVID-19 test result. Knowing your exposure history allows you to self-quarantine effectively, seek timely medical attention, and reduce potential exposure risk to your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. The more Virginians who use **COVIDWISE** and **COVIDWISE Express**, the greater the likelihood that you will receive timely exposure notifications that lead to effective disease prevention.

Is my privacy protected?

YES! VDH takes privacy very seriously. Every user decides whether or not to opt-in to receive Exposure Notifications, and if a person is diagnosed with COVID-19, it is up to them whether or not they share their result through **COVIDWISE Express**. No location data or personal information is ever collected, stored, or transmitted to VDH. You can delete the app or turn off Exposure Notifications at any time.

How does COVIDWISE Express work?

COVIDWISE Express works by using random Bluetooth tokens that change every 10-20 minutes. iPhones with **COVIDWISE Express** enabled will anonymously share these random tokens if they are within close proximity. Positive COVID-19 results submitted by other users are checked against the list of random tokens it has encountered in the last 14 days. If there is a match, **COVIDWISE Express** may notify the individual, taking into account the date and duration of exposure, and the Bluetooth signal strength which is used to estimate proximity.

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